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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claims 13-14 line 3, "a player, transcriber or the like," has been changed to --a player or transcriber,--.

In the abstract, line 1, "A DVD data masking method and article is provided." is deleted.

In line, 11, "provided" is deleted.

In the specification, page 2, line 12, --now US patent No 5,608,701-- has been added. In line 22, "5,467,327" has been changed to --5,471,443--. In line 24, --, abandoned-- has been added after 1993".

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Neyzari whose telephone number is (703) 308-4906.

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